

Amendments to the Claims**1.-24. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED)**

C) 25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of providing internet access to a network device through a first access provider, the method comprising:

~~in an access server, generating a logon query for a network device;~~

~~transmitting the a logon query from the access server to the network device;~~

~~in the access server, receiving a prepaid account code logon response from the network device to gain access to the internet access through the first access provider and wherein the logon response includes a prepaid account code is associated with a second access provider;~~

~~transferring the prepaid account code from the access server to a local database system of the first access provider;~~

~~in the local database system, processing the prepaid account code to determine if the network device is allowed to access the internet through prepaid account code is associated with the first access provider; and~~

~~if the network device is allowed to access the internet prepaid account code is associated with the first access provider, providing internet access to the network device through the first access provider;~~

~~if the prepaid account code is not associated with the first access provider, transferring the prepaid account code to a foreign database system of a second access provider;~~

~~in the foreign database system, processing the prepaid account code to determine if the prepaid account code is associated with the second access provider; and~~

~~if the prepaid account code is associated with the second access provider, providing internet access to the network device through the access server of the first access provider.~~

26. (CANCELED)

27. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25 further comprising if the network device is not allowed to access the internet, transferring a decline message to the access server.

28. (CANCELED)

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29. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 25 wherein the prepaid account code is linked to a prepaid account and wherein the prepaid account code is displayed on a prepaid account card and wherein the second access provider provides the prepaid account card to a user and wherein the user utilizes the network device and the prepaid account card to access the internet.

30. (CANCELED)

31. (CANCELED)

32. (CANCELED)

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A system for providing internet access to a network device through a first access provider, the system comprising:

an access server of the first access provider configured to ~~generate a logon query for a network device~~, transmit the a logon query from the access server to the network device, receive a ~~prepaid account code~~ logon response from the network device to gain access to the internet access through the first access provider wherein the logon response includes a prepaid account code is associated with a second access provider, and transfer the prepaid account code from the access server to a local database system of the first access provider;

the local database system configured to process the prepaid account code to determine if ~~the network device is allowed to access the internet through~~ prepaid account code is associated with the first access provider and transfer the prepaid account code to a foreign database system of a second access provider if the prepaid account code is not associated with the first access provider; and

the foreign database system configured to process the prepaid account code to determine if the prepaid account code is associated with the second access provider; and

the access server of the first access provider configured to provide internet access to the network device if the ~~network device is allowed to access the internet~~ prepaid account code is associated with the first access provider and provide internet access to the network device if the prepaid account code is associated with the second access provider.

34. (CANCELED)

35. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 33 wherein the local database system is further configured to transfer a decline message to the access server if the network device is not allowed to access the internet through the first access provider.

36. (CANCELED)

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37. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 33 wherein the prepaid account code is linked to a prepaid account and wherein the prepaid account code is displayed on a prepaid account card and wherein the second access provider provides the prepaid account card to a user and wherein the user utilizes the network device and the prepaid account card to access the internet.

38. (CANCELED)

39. (CANCELED)

40. (CANCELED)
